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From the President

I am happy to be asked to contribute to the first issue of the Seminary Publication. This publication is another evidence of the growing awareness, and sense of responsibility of our students.

For this first issue, I want to suggest some of the training and experience I hope you are seeking while at Seminary.

First; you should be strengthening your own testimony that Jesus is the Christ. I am increasingly convinced that Christ-centered Churches come from Christ-centered Christians--and Christ-centered ministers.

Second; You should be increasing and broadening your intellectual grasp of religious subjects. It is important that our ministers know the scriptures. Their knowledge should also include a broad understanding of all traditions within the Christian Church, and an understanding of both conservative and liberal fellowships.

You cannot effectively witness to people from all church backgrounds, until you can com-

municate with them.

Third; You should understand the Bible, principles of good administration, and techniques to assure the broadest interpretations of your congregations in church activities and church government.

Fourth; You men should be developing an earnest desire to truly share in the work of the church with your sisters. You all should be developing an urgent desire to witness to everyone...men and women, young and old, straight and gay, white black, red, yellow, and brown.

Fifth; You should be seeking experience in working with the churches in your area in any capacity the pastor is willing to give you.

Seeking the testimony of Jesus, grasping the principles of knowledge, learning the techniques of good church organization, developing the spirit of witness to all, and learning to serve by doing service in the local church--these are the steps to effective ministries. They are the steps we hope to provide during your Seminary experience.

Yours in Christ,
James E. Sandmire
President

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Silhouette

A child's hand scratches reality
on frosted window panes.
Old hands wipe the glass clean.

Don Ling

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Let Us Rap!!!

Join us the 1st & 3rd Tues. of each month to talk - . The students and friends of the Seminary are going to be meeting to discuss Christian Problems and we invite all of you to join us. See you Tuesday June 19, 1973 at 7:30 p.m. -- 716 N. Irving Blvd. Apt. 311

Ms - J. Hart, V. P.

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Samaritan Bible Seminary

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IT'S AN ANNIVERSARY !

"You are invited to an anniversary celebration to honor Bernard Kinkade and Claude Lambert on their 30th anniversary!"

Yes, Bernard and Claude recently celebrated their 30th year together. Bernie and Claude were brought up in a Christian home; in fact, the same home. Claude was adopted as a baby by Bernie's aunt and uncle in Hannibal Missouri. They grew up together during the Depression. At age 10, Bernard realized he felt a great love for Claude.

It was mutual and they lived together from then on through high school and college as lovers. Bernard went to nursing school while Claude was in the service for three years at Fort Ord, Calif. Bernard became an RN and Claude went to work in the restaurant business.

Bernard's parents found out about the relationship after they were together on their own

for 12 years. They told the boys to go ahead and lead their own lives and be happy; but most important, always to be Christians

They had great faith that nothing whatsoever could ever separate them. One Denver church they went to for seven years found out about their lifestyle and informed them that they would go to hell and be condemned by God if they didn't separate immediately. They told the church they were gay and they loved each other very much and loved the Lord very much as Christians. Bernard told the church further that they would rather leave the church than break up. Sometime they would find a church where they could be accepted.

In 1969 they moved to Los Angeles where a friend took them to MCC and they have been attending ever since. They were married at MCC in 1970 by the Rev. John Hose.

Bernard is now a Seminarian at MCC and hopes to do missionary work.

Commenting about their relationship, Bernard stated, "We have a great love for each other and not material things."

Claude remarked, "The Lord brought us together and kept us together."

By Pat Piven

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Secretary's Report - June 1973

Your officers have met four times during the past two months.

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We have discussed our duties and functions, the structure of Student Government for our Seminary, the need for social activities, rap groups, and other unifying activities, and what we as your officers, can do to help assist you and future students of Samaritan Bible Seminary.

It was decided that we would act as a board rather than follow a vertical pattern of government. We have decided to meet regularly throughout the summer months and draft a constitution or by-laws to present to you for ratification. This constitution will define the purpose and over-all operation of student government, the election, the term of office and duties of each officer, student body meetings, and our relationship with the Board of Trustees of the Seminary.

We feel that our responsibilities lie in the areas of social activities, financial and housing assistance to our fellow students, and promoting the Seminary itself through our Newsletter, "Agape", and personal testimony and action on the part of each and everyone of us to promote the Seminary and encourage our sisters and brothers throughout the fellowship to pursue a career in the ministry of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Randy Cypherd
Secretary - ASB
Samaritan Bible Seminary

WINNERS AND LOSERS

Rev. F. Robt. Fisher
United Methodist Church
Richmond, Ohio

DEDICATED TO THE STUDENTS AND
FACULTY OF JEFFERSON UNION HIGH
SCHOOL!

What does it mean to win and to lose?

Does the team always win that scores the most points?

Does the team always lose that doesn't win by the scoreboard?
WHAT IF YOUR TEAM PLAYS BETTER THAN ANOTHER TEAM AND YET YOU LOSE.....ARE YOU REALLY THE LOSER OR ARE YOU THE WINNER?
DO YOU NOT WIN THE RESPECT OF THE PLAYERS, OF THE FANS, OF YOUR HOMETOWN?

What does it mean to win and to lose?

What does it mean to win and lose in life?

Are you a loser when you do the very best you can and yet every one else seems to be getting ahead of you?

..... OR ARE YOU A WINNER?

Are you a loser when everything is not going the way you want it to go....YET YOU NEVER GIVE UP....you continue to fight back, you get yourself back on the road again?

ARE YOU NOT REALLY THE WINNER?

Are you not the winner when you decide that there are risks to be taken in life....And you're going to stand up and be counted regardless of what others think?

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A LOSER
IN LIFE?

...Jesus was a real loser in
life wasn't he.....JESUS WAS A
BORN LOSER..... O R W A S H E
A R E A L W I N N E R ?

Look at Jesus up on that cross.
....THERE'S THE BELOVED DISCIPLE
saying: I NEVER KNEW YOU!.....
And there are all of us tempt-
ing him to come down if he can!
WELL...WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE
A WINNER IN LIFE?

Does it not mean that you would
have to sacrifice yourself for
others?

Does it not mean that you would
have to give of yourself so
others might live?

Would it not mean that when the
struggle got too hard, you would
have to turn all of your impos-
sible dreams into realities?
WHAT KIND OF A PERSON DO YOU
WANT TO BECOME?

A WINNER OR A LOSER?

Rev. Robt. Fisher

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TREASURERS' REPORT

The first fund raising event
- a social at the home of Jim
Mason, raised \$25.00 for our
class treasury.

I opened an account at the
bank for Samaritan Bible Semin-
ary. We now have \$20.00, \$5.00
was deducted for the book with
150 checks. I will also pur-
chase a ledger to keep record
of all transactions.

We will have a raffle - to
raise more money which we need.

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I am donating a sterling silver
ring I designed especially for
MCC. It sells for \$20.00 regular
and tickets will cost .50¢ each,
with all students selling them.

We will ask the ministers to
announce this raffle on the Sun-
day the tickets go on sale.

We need donations for print-
ing our Newsletter, "The Agape",
and for printing the raffle
tickets. We will sell the Agape
and return the money to the
treasury, along with the pro-
ceeds from the raffle. When we
turn over our offices, I hope
to have a nice amount in the
treasury bank account.

LOVE,
Pat Piven, Treasurer
ASB
Samaritan Bible Seminary

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E D I T O R I A L

In the name of Christ our Savior,
I bring you greetings from Samar-
itan Bible Seminary. The inten-
tion of the AGAPE is to bring
informative as well as helpful
news on the happenings of your
Seminary.

Being personally involved as
a student these past two quarters
has really shown me, above all
else, the LOVE that is truly ex-
pressed between each and every-
one who is a part of this WORK*
ING ARM of the UFMCC.

We hope that you will become
as involved with your Seminary
as the students are!

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There are several functions underway at the present time to help raise needed funds for the operation of the Seminary Student Government and the printing of the Newsletter.

We also recently established a student form of government and through the effort of these most dedicated persons we will accomplish much in the future. Jay Getman, Jean Hart, Randy Cypherd, and Pat Piven are a mighty strong team of leadership, but we all must put our whole-selves behind them so we will succeed in everything.

Now, as Editor of the Seminary's first newsletter, I welcome each and everyone to send us your "comments" and "letters to the Editor" and the staff & myself will do everything we can to see that they receive our personal attention or answers.

In the name of our most Blessed Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ; May Peace, Joy, and LOVE abide with YOU ALL!! AMEN!

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Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, Let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light:

and Where there is sadness, joy
Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to con-

sole

To be understood as to understand

To be loved as to love

For it is in giving that we receive

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned

And it is in Dying that we are BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE.

Francis of Assisi

"Brother Sun/Sister Moon" is a film by Franco Zeferrilli; a cinematic re-creation of the calling and early ministry of Francis of Assisi. It is a priceless and relevant experience for all of us who are pursuing a career in the ministry and have felt the call to follow The Lord.

Randy Cypherd

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SEMINARY SOCIAL

Several students of Samaritan Bible Seminary met at Rev. Robt Fisher's on May 24th and enjoyed an evening of punch and potato chips, African and Holy Land slides, and general fellowship.

One of the highlights of the evening was Brother Fisher's reading of a "Letter to the Editor" he wrote when he left his last church before coming to MCC. In this letter he explained how many churches are turning into museums with their pastors becoming nothing more than curators. They're losing touch with the word of Christ as it lives in the world today. They are be-

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coming more interested in the physical plant of their church rather than the spiritual needs of their sisters and brothers. This letter caused a great stir among the people of that town who read it because they realized that they had not only let this happen, but had caused it to happen through their own apathy. It is up to us as Christians, members of MCC, and also those of us studying for the ministry to see that we worship the Living Christ and share His Word, and do not allow ourselves to become so involved in our own physical well-being that we lose sight of our primary spiritual goal - spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all our sisters and brothers who so desperately need to know that Jesus loves them and cares for them.

MCC is a new organization sharing an age-old truth. We're young enough not to be tied to our own traditions, but still open-minded enough not to reject something merely because it has been used before.

We don't have to own genuine 14th Century paintings or meet in \$5 million dollar buildings to know the truth of Jesus Christ. He lives with us. He loves us. He died to pay for our sins and rose from the dead as our Living Lord. To know this, to preach this, to learn this, to share this with others we can meet in a catacomb like

the early Christians or a **HELP** Center like the modern Christians. And, when the day comes that we do have our own church buildings, we must still remember that the CHURCH is made up of people and not stones, so we don't become curators steeped in tradition and forget about our real reason for being there, to share the truth of Jesus Christ.

Don Ling

Samaritan Bible Seminary

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I Want To Make You A Promise !

Gosh! I've finished my 2 year Seminary program and am graduating, and preparing for my next step which will be on the job experience with pastors, starting with Rev. Sandmire in San Francisco.

It was all a dream 3½ years ago when I moved from San Jose to San Francisco to get involved with MCC. After chartering with the church there, the decision of moving here for the Seminary came up. We were all hoping that the Seminary would expand into the San Francisco area but it wasn't the Lord's will. And to attend the Seminary it became evident that it would be necessary to move here to Los Angeles. This was no easy decision with a good job and being settled. And to try and make sure it was the right thing to do I counselled with people, prayed a lot, and

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threw the fleece to the Lord not once but twice. I prayed for answers from the Lord and I prayed with everything I had that these answers would be God's answer to me, that I was in the center of His Will and not just in His permissiveness. And those answers were to decide the course of my life for all time. If the answers were negative I was prepared to completely and totally forget this course of action. If the answers were positive they were to reflect God's permanent attitude for my life.

Well! The answers were little miracles because I really threw almost impossible situations up for answers. I wanted to be 100% sure. Those answers were positive, and there have been other unceasing positive answers ever since. The Lord has taken care of all my needs the whole time. I never have more than I need, but do get just what I really need.

Sometimes, as I go along things seem bleak, discouraging, and I wonder if I should keep going, if its all worth it. Especially when waves of negative responses come from others. But then I remember my original answers from the Lord plus many other things like, by not giving up, can be an example and source of strength for others. Jesus didn't give up! So I push on. To explain why, I will take the ending thought in the renewal for my exhorters license here in L.A. ; that was, I feel

like a rascal of a little boy thats somehow sneaked up to God's big Iron Door (thats on a crack) and got a peek inside. This continuing experience leaves me wanting to get others to LOOK! Sometimes I feel bad that others won't. The experience has so affected me, that I do know, that I will spend the rest of my life, no matter where I am no matter what circumstances I find myself in, trying to find ways to get others to LOOK!

Another reason is, I have seen a light that has no comparison. When I look any other direction there is only faint light if any at all. Like a moth circling a flame I feel there is no other course.

My promise to you, is "I will go on and won't ever quit, until the Holy Spirit decides it is time to quit and takes me. And I know with the power of the Holy Spirit on our side there will be no stopping any of us.

Please! I beg your prayers also for that continued strength "Never To Give Up" And I will pray for you all, ALWAYS!

Your Friend and Servant,

Bob DeSantis

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Dedicated to the U.F.M.C.C. with LOVE from S.B.S.

"So that our Light may shine before ALL and Glorify Our Father in Heaven.

LOVE & PEACE *

AMEN